

# Glossary

## Academic adjustments

Modifications in how students participate in classes.

## Academic performance

The extent to which a student, teacher or institution has achieved their educational goals.

## Access

To make contact with or gain access to be able to reach.

## Accommodations

Something supplied to satisfy a need (Example: Supplying an adjustable desk that can be raised or lowered to meet the needs of the user.

## ADA Coordinator

Responsible for coordinating the efforts of the government entity to comply with Title II.

## Adaptive Technology Specialist

Assisting individuals with disabilities with adaptive/assistive technology solutions.

## Advocate

A person who supports a cause and exercises his (or her) right to be heard.

## Audio Capable

Computer is able to play audio using speakers or headphones.

## Assistive technology

Any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

## Assistive Technology Specialists

A specialist who helps consumers identify, access, and acquire appropriate assistive technology.

## Audiologist

A trained professional, who measures hearing loss, can fit hearing aids, and perform other evaluations and treatments related to hearing.

## Augmentative communication

Methods to supplement existing speech or replace speech that is not functional.

## Bureaucracy

The body of officials and administrators.

## Clinicians

A person qualified in the clinical practice of medicine, psychiatry, or psychology.

## Cochlear implants

A device that stimulates the acoustic nerve in the inner ear in order to produce some form of hearing in people who are deaf.

## Cognitive

Of or pertaining to the act or process of knowing, perceiving, remembering, etc.

## Communicate

To give information about something to someone by speaking, writing, moving your hands, etc.; to get someone on understand your thoughts or feelings.

## Communication

The act or process of using words, sounds, signs, or behaviors to express or exchange information or to express your ideas, thoughts, feelings, etc., to someone.

## Compatibility

Able to exist together with something else.

## Credentials

A letter or certificate giving evidence of the bearer's identity or competence.

## Developmental

The act or process of growing, progressing, or developing.

## Device

A thing made or adapted for a particular purpose, especially a piece of mechanical or electronic equipment.

## Disabilities

A condition (such as an illness or injury) that damages or limits a person's physical or mental abilities.

## Discriminated

To make an unjust or prejudicial distinction in the treatment of different categories of people.

## Documentation

Collection of informational papers.

## Efficiency

Functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort.

## Ergonomic

A science that deals with designing and arranging things so that people can use them easily and safely.

## Expertise

Special skill, knowledge, or judgment; expertness.

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A list of terms with accompanying definitions.

## Hearing assistive technology systems

Helps people who are deaf and hard of hearing to live more independently.

## HIPAA

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act contains a privacy rule that protects an individual's identifiable health information.

## Human Resources Staff

Human resources staff is responsible for recruiting, hiring, processing employee payroll and benefits, and other employee-related tasks.

## IEP (Individualized Education Program)

A written document containing an individualized plan for providing services to a public school student who receives special education and related services.

## Install

Writes the necessary data for running the software program on your computer's hard drive.

## Job coach

A person trained to assist a professional, but not licensed to practice in the profession.

## Mobility

The ability to move physically.

## Module

A lesson, which is part of a sequence of learning activities.

## Occupational Therapist

A health professional whose goal is to help people who have an injury, illness, disability or psychological dysfunction restore independence and meaning in all aspects of their life.

## Paraprofessional

A person trained to assist a professional, but not licensed to practice in the profession.

## Physical Therapist

A health professional that uses exercise and other physical treatments to help people who have an injury or physical dysfunction.

## Physician

A person who is legally qualified to practice medicine.

## Post-secondary

Any school beyond high school.

## Professional evaluation

A diagnosis or diagnostic study of a physical or mental condition by a person who is expert at his or her work.

## Rehabilitation

To restore to a condition of good health.

## Speech Language Pathologist

A specialist who evaluates and treats patients with speech language, cognitive-communication and swallowing disorders in individuals of all ages from infants to the elderly.

## Strategies

A plan, method, or series of maneuvers for obtaining a specific goal or result.

## Supported employment services

Services that help people with disabilities find and maintain meaningful jobs by providing ongoing professional support.

## System requirements

The hardware and software components of a computer system that are required to install and use software efficiently.

## Task analysis

The process of breaking a skill into smaller, more manageable steps in order to teach the skill.

## Technology

The specific methods, materials, and devices used to solve practical problems.

## Template

Anything that determines or serves as a pattern; a model.

## Text-to-Speech

Technology that converts text to audible speech.

## Transdermal

Entering the bloodstream by absorption through the skin.

## Transition

Changing or moving from one place, stage, subject, etc. to another.

## Vocational

Instruction or guidance in an occupation or profession chosen as a career.

## Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS)

Assists clients with preparing, finding, and retaining jobs.

## Vocational Rehabilitation Services Staff

An employee of Vocational Rehabilitation Services who assists clients with finding and retaining jobs

## Vocational school

A secondary school teaching the skilled trades.

## Webinars

A seminar or other presentation that takes place on the Internet.